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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith copies of U.S. Patent 5,607,542 and copies of JP H06-151367, as well as an English language abstract thereof. Regarding this, it is noted that JP H06-151367 corresponds to U.S. Patent 5,300,460, which has already previously been filed in the present application for consideration by the Examiner. Accordingly, the copy of JP H06-1511367 is being filed, together with an English language abstract, solely for purposes of completeness (noting that the U.S. Patent 5,300,460 is the priority document for this Japanese document).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted, on information and belief, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. It is also noted that, in the case of newly submitted U.S. Patent 5,607,542, the following certification specified in 37 CFR § 1.97(e) is provided:

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On information and belief, I hereby certify that U.S. Patent 5,607,542 filed herewith was not known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this

Information Disclosure Statement.

Although the document JP H06-151367 is not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of relevance is satisfied by the English language abstract provided herewith, together with the fact that this document corresponds to U.S. Patent 5,300,460 previously filed in this

application.

It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be

considered by the Examiner.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 520.35237CV4), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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